

House Resolution 1092

By: Representatives O`Neal of the 146th and Talton of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Tom Head; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Head shocked and awed his friends, neighbors, and fellow fishermen
3 on August 18, 2009, when he caught a 103 pound flathead catfish in the Ocmulgee River;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, a resident of Warner Robins, Mr. Head's catch measured an amazing 57 inches
6 long and more than 41 inches in girth; and

7 WHEREAS, using a tuna hook and live bream for bait, Mr. Head reeled in the beast of a
8 catfish, which sailed past the current state record for largest flathead catfish caught by 20
9 pounds; and

10 WHEREAS, floating above approximately 20 foot waters, Mr. Head had almost given up
11 hope for the day's net as his six lines had not produced a nibble; and

12 WHEREAS, proud to retell his tale of adventure to others, Mr. Head claims the curious
13 underwater creature was not hard to tackle, as the fish did not put up a fight and just rolled
14 into the boat with him, whiskers and all; and

15 WHEREAS, although Mr. Head's catch surpasses lures of the past, his story will not be
16 anchored in the official state record books because the method he used, jug fishing, is not
17 considered sporting tackle; and

18 WHEREAS, record books or not, Mr. Head's whale of a catfish is one that would make even
19 Captain Ahab proud and is worthy of recognition.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body join in commending Mr. Tom Head on his remarkable

22 accomplishment of catching a 103 pound catfish and recognize him as a reel expert who can
23 tackle anything.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tom Head.